



Faculty Advisory Council Illinois Board of Higher Education

20 March 2026 Meeting Agenda

IBHE FAC Meeting

Rockford University
5050 E State Street
Rockford, IL 61108

- 8:30 Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 Call to Order/Introductions
- 9:10 Welcome- Elizabeth Davies, Ph.D., Provost, Rockford University
- “Community Partners Become Community Internship Opportunities”
- Kristen Clarke MSW, LCSW; Director of Lang Wellness Center; Social Work Program Director
- “Rockford University’s Economic Impact and Growing Partnerships”
Elizabeth Nardi, MBA, Chief Strategy and Research Officer
- “Bridging Opportunities, Empowering Individuals”
- Deepshikha Shukla, Ph.D., MBA; Associate Vice President, Business Innovation & Dean of the College of Professional and Extended Learning (CPEL)
- “Grounding Community Engagement in University Mission: A Case Study of the Jane Addams Center at Rockford University”
- Mary Weaks-Baxter, Ph.D.; Andrew Sherratt Professor, Department of English; and Director, Jane Addams Center for Civic Engagement
- Title TBD

The Honorable Thomas P. McNamara, Mayor of Rockford

- 10:30 IBHE Board Chair Pranav Kothari
- 11:30 Reports: Chair (Dan Hrozencik); Vice Chair (Jack Haines); Secretary (Jason Edgar), Mike Phillips, FAC Legislative Liaison; Nkechi Onwuameze
- 11:50 Business Meeting
- 1) Old Business
 - a. Approval of minutes
 - 2) New Business
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 Working Groups
- 1:30 Caucus Meeting
- 2:00 Caucus and Working Group Reports
- 2:30 Adjourn

Next FAC Meeting: April 17, 2026 at Morton College

Next IBHE Board Meeting: June 17, Springfield